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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Air activity and aircraft observed at Grossenhain between 16 April and 1 May 1955.
16 April. Between 1200 and 1400, 4 local flights were made by individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. 25X1

19 April. Between 1000 and 1200, flying was practiced by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which took off at intervals of 5 to 20 minutes. A total of 27 take-offs were counted. At 1100, one swept-back jet fighter took off towing a sleeve target. At 1120, an element of 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and made a wide circuit.

20 April. No air activity was observed during the morning. Between 1450 and 1620, individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying in the vicinity of the field at intervals of 20 to 30 minutes.

21 April. Between 1100 and 1310, 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made individual local flights.

22 April. At 1700, a formation of 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s flew in the vicinity of the field. The aircraft landed in echelon formation. At 1705, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 towing a sleeve target took off. The sleeve target was dropped approximately over the middle of the field. At 1720, another MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 towing a sleeve target took off. Local flying was continuously practiced. A total of 24 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted. 25X1

Six MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked on the alert site.

23 April. Between 0800 and 1200, flying was practiced by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which took off at intervals of 2 to 10 minutes.

24 April. Between 0800 and 1200, local flights were made by individual swept-back jet fighters at intervals of 2 to 5 minutes. Between 1300 and 1600, flying was continuously practiced by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.

26 April. Between 0800 and 1100 and between 1230 and 1600, local flights were made by swept-back jet fighters at intervals of 1 1/2 to 2 minutes.

27 April. From 1000 to 1300 and from 1400 to 1700, flying was practiced by individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which continuously made local flights.

28 April. Between 0800 and 1200, local flights were made by individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. Sixteen swept-back jet fighters were observed on the landing field, including 4 aircraft of the alert formation at the eastern end of the main runway.

29 April to 1 May. No air activity was observed.

2. On 22 April, the Tokan-type radar set located on Spittelberg north of the field was in operation, making 4 rotations in 1 minute.²

3. On 22 April, about 20 men received instruction on 3 AA guns in front of the large garage southwest of the hangar with the cupola. On 28 April, 5 AA guns apparently 70-mm, were observed at the same location. No soldiers were seen nearby.²

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1. Comment. It is believed that Grossenhain airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter division headquarters and 2 fighter regiments. Air activity, including air-to-air firing, formation flying etc was conducted along the usual pattern. MiG-15 was observed in Jostarbo in 1954, in Keeschen in 1954, in Zerbst in 1952 and in Wittstock in 1954. was confirmed in Grossenhain. 25X1
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2. Comment. The Token-type set on Spittelberg was previously observed. The reported speed of rotation, namely 1 rotation in 15 seconds, was repeatedly observed at other radar stations. 25X1
3. Comment. AA guns of this same caliber have been observed at other fighter airfields. 25X1

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